

Remarks

After receiving the Notice of Allowance in this case, it was realized by Applicants' attorneys that the specification has not been amended to state that this application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/170,399 (filed June 13, 2002). Although such information was included in the application transmittal and referenced in the filing receipt, a specific request to amend the specification to include the required statement has not been made.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendment set forth above at this time. The requested amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and does not require a substantial amount of additional work on behalf of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The issue fee has not been paid. Accordingly, a fee for the requested amendment is not required.

Conclusion

Entry and consideration of the above amendment are respectfully requested.

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